

**EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
February 24, 2016  
EAST WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – Room N4**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair C. Simonelli called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ATTENDANCE**

Chair C. Simonelli, Vice Chair Dr. G. Michna, Secretary R. Reichle, N. DeSousa, S. Morgan, D. Swaim, Superintendent Dr. T. Kane Absent: K. Bilodeau, P. Nelson, W. Raber

Also present: Dr. C. DeBarge, C. Desjardins, BOE Student Representative D. Couture, BOS Liaison D. Nelson, EWEA Representative J. Jette

**IV. ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**V. MINUTES**

On a motion by Dr. G. Michna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Reichle, the Board voted to approve the 2/10/16 regular meeting minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

D. Couture outlined the news and events at all three schools. She also reported her attendance at the All Conference Award Reception earlier this evening to support her friend/classmate and award recipient, Lauren D'Agostino, and also her participation on the recent EWHS foreign language trip to Costa Rica.

**VIII. PERSONNEL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the current report provided in their packet.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

C. Desjardins reported on the expanded version of the FY16 budget, including transfers, transactions, standing procedures and spending.

Dr. G. Michna requested an updated report on the food service program at the next meeting.

Dr. Kane noted C. DesJardins sent a copy of the minutes from last week's joint BOE/BOF meeting to the Treasurer's Office for approval. An overview of the meeting was provided:

- The 3 Chairmen agreed to meet in June
- Formulas were created and approved
- Communication was outlined
- Participants were encouraged to speak up and share information

**X. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Dr. DeBarge will present items in this report later in the agenda under New Business: Discussion.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: VOTE**

Policy Update (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
1325 Advertising

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to approve the second reading of policy 1325 – Advertising. The vote was unanimous.

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

Updates:

1. BBES Modular Project Update – Dr. Kane reported the 4-unit was delivered on 2/17, but has not yet been connected or secured. We are awaiting clearance to enter. The 10-unit is on schedule for delivery in the spring. Dr. Kane also reported there may be a potential change to the north parking lot at BBES (bus loop). They are working with the EW Police Department, our district safety consultant, administration, ModSpace, and the bus company to determine either a parking change or bus loop change. Dr. Kane reviewed the 2 week timeline provided in Board packets. Discussion ensued on the excitement within the school and throughout the community relative to the project.
2. Alliance District School Buildings Grant – Dr. Kane reported they are looking at the feasibility and option of flipping the BBES nurse's station with the current administrative conference room as the current nurse's station is not large enough.
3. FY17 Budget – Dr. Kane noted the BOE budget workshops with administration have concluded. The Board now needs to deliberate, while being mindful that they will need to vote before the presentation to the BOF on 3/17. It was the consensus of the Board, due to the absence of 3 Board members at this evening's meeting, to wait to discuss the bulk of the budget at the final workshop scheduled to take place on 3/2. Dr. Kane also noted that the EWPS qualifies for bonus money for our current construction project because of our Open Choice seats.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS: VOTE**

None

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION**

1. PreK Program Update – Dr. DeBarge provided an overview of the lottery process that will be used to fill student slots, including first right to refusal to parents whose children are already on the waiting list.
2. 2014-2015 Connecticut Educator Evaluation Data – Dr. DeBarge presented information from the CT State Department of Education on EWPS Educator Evaluation statistics, which have been made public in part of a lawsuit unrelated to the EWPS. Per the Summative Rating category, if 6 or fewer educators fall into a category, that category and the next closest in number are left blank to protect district information. She noted they are pleased with the manner in which our Educator Evaluation process is conducted.

**XV. LIAISONS' REPORTS**

Chair C. Simonelli reported her attendance at the recent BOS meeting. The meeting highlights included: discussion on the Charter Commission meeting, added appropriations – Police Department contractual salaries, Town Hall phone upgrade, and Dial-a-Bus. D. Nelson, BOS liaison to the BOE, noted the Police Department request will go back to the BOF as a supplemental appropriation (\$63,856 for contract settlement). A one-time expenditure in the amount of \$71,030 was approved for the Town Hall phone upgrade, and \$29,000 was approved to purchase a 12 passenger and a 20 passenger bus for the Dial-a-Ride initiative. It was also noted there was a heated discussion relative to the Town attorney and whether or not he is appropriate fit for the Town.

S. Morgan noted the book sale being held by the Friends of the East Windsor Library from March 18-26.

N. DeSousa reported East Windsor is now off the list for a potential casino.

Dr. DeBarge informed the Board of the parent/staff Internet Safety Night being held on March 8 at EWHS. Presentations on internet/online safety and drug awareness will be provided.

Discussion ensued relative to the upcoming Police Task Force meeting hosted by the Town of Enfield.

**XVI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**XVII. MISCELLANEOUS**

N. DeSousa noted her utilization of the CHC program and her satisfaction with the program and services.

D. Swaim inquired about a district Facebook page. Chair C. Simonelli informed him of the past inquiry and the rationale behind the decision not to engage in the social media site.

**XVIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

Calendar of Events

**XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted at 8:55 p.m. to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. G. Michna left the session at 9:10 p.m.

The Board adjourned executive session at 9:35 p.m.

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**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by S. Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. DeSousa, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kalesnik  
Recording Secretary

Randi Reichle  
Secretary

**Approved:**